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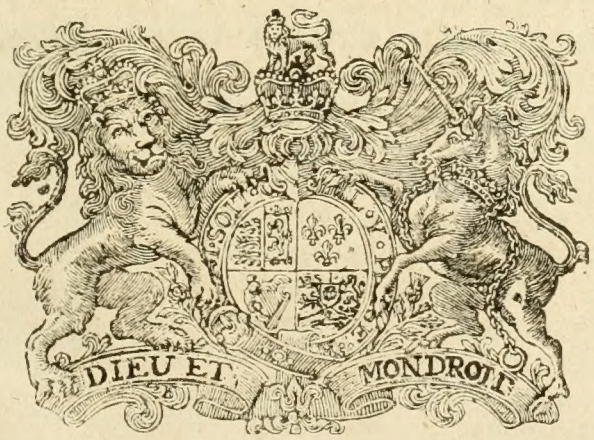
At the Parliament begun and holden at *Weſtminſter*, the Fourteenth Day of *January*, *Anno Dom.* 1734. in the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

And from thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to the Fifteenth Day of *January*, 1735. being the Second Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.



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An Act for the better enlightning of the Streets of the City of *London*.

Whereas it has been found by Experience, that many and frequent Murders, Robberies, Burglaries, Felonies, and other Crimes of a heinous Nature, have been and are frequently committed in the Streets, Lanes, and Passages of the City of London, and the Liberties thereof, in the Night Season; the Commission of which Crimes has, in a great Measure, been owing to the insufficient Manner in which the Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Courts of the said City, have, for some Years past, been, and at this present Time are, lighted by the Proprietors of the Conver Lights: And whereas the Citizens of London are desirous to have the open Places, Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Courts thereof, enlightened in a better and more effectual Manner, as well for their own, as for the common Safety and Benefit of all other Persons, whose Affairs oblige them to pass and repass through the same; and in order to effect so good a Work, the said Citizens have consented Preamble.

conſented and agreed to raiſe the Money neceſſary for that Purpoſe, by a reaſonable Tax and Aſſeſſment on the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, in ſuch Manner as herein after is expreſſed: But foraſmuch as the ſame cannot be effectually done, but by the Aid and Aſſiſtance of an Act of Parliament; may it pleaſe Your Majeſty (at the humble Petition and deſire of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of London, in Common Council aſſembled) that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That ſuch a convenient and ſufficient Number of Glaſs Lamps, of ſuch Sort and Faſhion, and put up in ſuch Parts and Places of the ſaid City of London, and the Liberties thereof, as to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the ſaid City, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall ſeem meet and expedient, ſhall be with all convenient Speed erected and fixed to or near any Houſe or Building, Place or Places whatſoever, within the ſaid City, or Liberties thereof, and the ſame ſhall be kept lighted and burning from Sun-ſetting to Sun-riſing throughout the Year.

Glaſs Lamps to be put up in *London*, according to the Directions of the Lord Mayor, &c. and kept lighted from Sun-ſetting to Sun-riſing.

And for defraying the firſt Expence of buying and erecting of ſuch Lamps or Lights, and alſo the yearly Charges of ſupplying, maintaining, and repairing the ſame, the following Rates and Aſſeſſments ſhall be laid and raiſed on the ſeveral Inhabitants of the ſaid City and the Liberties thereof, annually and each Year, from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty ſix; that is to ſay,

Yearly Rates.

For each and every Houſe, the Rent whereof is under Ten pounds per Annum, and the Inhabitant whereof is charged to the Church and Poor, any Sum not exceeding Seven ſhillings per Annum.

For each and every Houſe of the yearly Rent of Ten pounds, or upwards, and under Twenty pounds, any Sum not exceeding Twelve ſhillings per Annum.

For each and every Houſe of the yearly Rent of Twenty pounds, or upwards, and under Thirty pounds, any Sum not exceeding Fourteen ſhillings per Annum.

For each and every Houſe of the yearly Rent of Thirty pounds, or upwards, and under Forty pounds, any Sum not exceeding Sixteen ſhillings per Annum.

And for each and every Houſe, of the yearly Rent of Forty pounds, or upwards, any Sum not exceeding Twenty ſhillings per Annum.

And forasmuch as it is reasonable that all publick Buildings (Hospitals excepted) should be tared and assessed, in a due Proportion towards the better lighting the said City and the Liberties thereof; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Alderman of the Ward of Castle Baynard, with the Advice and Consent of his Deputy and Common Councilmen, or the Majority of them, at his and their Discretions, and they are hereby required yearly, and every Year, to tax and assess the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul; and also for the Alderman of each respective Ward, where such other publick Buildings respectively do stand, and are situate, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Deputy and Common Councilmen, or the majority of them, at his and their Discretions, and they are hereby required yearly and every Year, to tax and assess all Parish Churches, Church-yards, Chapels, Meeting-houses, Schools, Halls, Markets, Warehouses, and all other publick Buildings whatsoever, situate, standing, and being within their respective Wards, towards the erecting, supplying, maintaining, and repairing the Lights aforesaid, Regard being by them always had to the Number of Lamps which shall be found necessary for the lighting the same.

St. *Paul's* Cathedral, and all other publick Buildings, to be yearly assessed.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul for the time being, and all and every the respective Church-wardens and Chapel-wardens of the several Parish Churches, and Chapels, and the respective head Officers, Masters, Wardens, and Governors of all Meeting-houses, publick Halls, Schools, and the Occupiers or Proprietors of all other publick Buildings and Places within the said City and Liberties thereof, respectively, fronting or adjoining to any of the said publick Streets, Lanes, publick Places, and Passages of the said City and Liberties thereof, and the Farmers or Occupiers of all and every the Markets, within the City and Liberties thereof, shall, and they respectively are hereby charged with and required to pay the respective Rates and Assessments, which shall from time to time be so rated and assessed upon the said respective Buildings and Places, pursuant to this Act.

By whom those Assessments shall be paid.

Provided always and it is hereby declared, That if the said Dean and Chapter of Saint Paul shall, at their own Cost and Charge, cause the Fence round the said Cathedral Church to be duly lighted with Lamps of the same Sort, and at and for the same Time, and in a proportionable Number, and from time to time keep the

On what Condition the Dean and Chapter of St. *Paul* to be excused.

ſaid Fence ſo lighted in the ſame Manner as by this Act ought to be done in the other Parts of Saint Paul's Church Yard (which the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen from time to time are hereby impowered to determine) that then, and ſo long as they continue to light the ſaid Fence, as is hereby directed, no Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall be laid on the ſaid Cathedral Church by Virtue of the Powers hereby granted, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

The Deciſion of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, on Appeals, to be final.

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think him, her, or themſelves aggrieved by ſuch Tax and Aſſeſſment, as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful for them reſpectively, within the Space of Twenty Days after ſuch Tax or Aſſeſſment ſhall be laid, to appeal to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, whoſe Deciſion ſhall be final and concluſive.

And whereas there are ſeveral Pieces of void Ground and ſpacious Places belonging to the ſaid City, lying within the ſame, or Liberties thereof, where no Inhabitants are or can be properly chargeable, as aforeſaid, and which nevertheleſs ought to be well and ſufficiently lighted; be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid,

The City Chamberlain to pay for void Grounds, and appeal to the Lord Mayor, &c.

That the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London, for the time being, ſhall, at the Coſt and Charges of the ſaid City, pay ſuch Taxes and Aſſeſſments, as ſhall be laid and rated for the due lighting of ſuch void Grounds and Places, where no Inhabitants are or can be properly charged, according to the Diſcretion of the Alderman, Deputy, and Majority of the Common Councilmen of each Ward, within which ſuch void Grounds and Places are ſituate and compriſed, as aforeſaid, regard being by them always had to the Number of Lamps neceſſary for the due lighting of the ſame; and in caſe the ſaid Chamberlain ſhall think the ſaid City aggrieved by ſuch Tax or Aſſeſſment, he ſhall and may, in behalf of the ſaid City, within the Space of Twenty Days after ſuch Tax or Aſſeſſment ſhall be laid, appeal to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, as aforeſaid, whoſe Determination ſhall be final.

And to the End that the ſeveral Rates and Aſſeſſments herein before mentioned may be fully and compleatly raiſed and paid for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, without Expence, Fee, or Reward, be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid,

The Alderman of the Ward, &c. to appoint Collectors.

That it ſhall and may be lawful for each Alderman in his Ward, by and with the Advice and Conſent of his Deputy, and Common Councilmen, or the Majority of them, immediately to nominate, elect, and impower Two or more ſubſtantial and reſponſible Inhabitants

Inhabitants of and belonging to each Ward, to ask, collect, and receive the several Rates or Assessments herein before granted, and made payable by each Inhabitant of such Ward, as aforesaid which Collectors shall continue in that Office until new ones shall be chosen in the Wardmote, which shall be held for the Choice of other Ward Officers, on or near Saint Thomas's Day next ensuing such Nomination and Appointment; at which Time the said Collectors, first chosen, shall, and they are hereby required to bring in their Accounts to the Alderman of the said Ward at the Wardmote, in which they shall specify and express the several Sums of Money by them received, and give in a List of such Persons as shall have neglected or refused to pay the Rates and Assessments so laid on them, as aforesaid, that the same may be recovered and levied in such manner as is herein after mentioned.

Collectors when and how to account.

And to the Intent that there may never be wanting a sufficient Number of Persons duly qualified to collect the Rates and Assessments hereby granted and made payable, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Deputy and Common Councilmen of each Ward, shall, at each Wardmote, to be held upon or near Saint Thomas's Day for the Choice of Ward Officers, return the Names and Places of Abode of Six or more substantial Inhabitants of each Ward, out of which Two or more (according to the Extent of the Ward) shall be chosen and appointed at the said Wardmote to be Collectors for the Year ensuing, and be there sworn to the true and faithful Execution of their Office, before the presiding Officer at the Wardmote, who is hereby impowered to administer the said Oath; and in case any Person or Persons so chosen shall neglect or refuse to take upon him or them the said Office, or duly to execute the same, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, he or they shall respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, and still continue liable to be chosen into the said Office again the Year following; and in case of his or their Refusal, shall be again liable to the like Penalty, and so toties quoties.

The Deputy and Common Councilmen to return Six Inhabitants, out of which the Collectors are to be chosen.

10 *l.* Penalty on Collectors refusing to act.

And to the Intent that responsible Persons may be chosen and appointed Collectors in each Ward, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, of the said Rates and Assessments, shall embezzle, make away with, detain, or misapply any Sum or Sums of Money, so collected by him or them for the Uses aforesaid, the same shall be again rated and laid on the Inhabi-

A Reassessment to be made, in case of embezzlement.

tants of each Ward, and collected and levied by a Reassessment on all the Inhabitants, in Proportion to what they had, or ought to have paid.

Distress on Nonpayment.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Inhabitant of the said City of London, or any other Person or Persons hereby intended to be charged and rated towards defraying the Expence of lighting the said City, as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay and discharge such Rates and Assessments, as he, she, or they shall be charged with, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, after such Rates and Assessments shall respectively be demanded, that then, and so often, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, and every or any of them, by Warrant obtained under the Hand and Seal of the Lord Mayor of the said City for the time being, or of the Alderman of the Ward, where such Person or Persons so

Who to grant the Warrant for Distress.

neglecting or refusing to pay shall inhabit, or be chargeable (which Warrant the said Lord Mayor or such Alderman is hereby authorized and required to grant) to take and distrain the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing, and the same to sell, rendering the Overplus, if any such shall be, after having deducted the reasonable Charges of such Distress, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, demanding the same.

Assessment to be collected Half yearly.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Collector or Collectors of the Rates and Assessments aforesaid shall collect the same half yearly, and pay the Money into the Chamber of the City of London, as he or they shall receive the same, in such Manner, that such Collector or Collectors shall never have a Sum exceeding Fifty Pounds, so collected, at one Time in his or their Hands by the Space of Ten Days: And if such Collector or Collectors shall keep and retain in his and their Hands more than the said Sum of Fifty Pounds longer than Ten Days, he and they shall respectively forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds for every such Offence (which said Penalty shall be recovered and levied, as any other Penalty is hereby directed to be recovered and levied) and on Payment of every such Sum of Money into the Chamber of the City of London, such Collector or Collectors shall take a Receipt for the same

The Form of the Chamberlain's Receipts.

from the said Chamberlain, or one of his Clerks, in which Receipt shall be specified and expressed the Name of such Collector and Collectors, the Sum paid, and the Name of the Ward wherein the Money hath been collected; and

the Chamberlain of the said City of London for the time being, or such of his Clerks as shall be by him for that Purpose appointed, shall be obliged, and he and they is and are hereby required to give such Receipt without Fee or Reward; and such Receipts shall, by the Collector and Collectors, be produced to the Alderman of the Ward at the Time he settles and adjusts his yearly Account; and shall by the said Alderman be taken and allowed as a full and sufficient Discharge for all and every such Sum and Sums of Money such Collectors or Receivers shall have received and paid into the Chamber of the City of London, as aforesaid.

And to the end that the Payment of the said Rates and Assessments for the Purposes aforesaid may the more effectually be enforced, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Freeman of London, liable to pay the said Rates and Assessments, who shall have neglected or refused to pay the said Rates and Assessments to the Person or Persons authorized and impowered to collect and receive the same, or shall have desired to be excused from paying such Rates and Assessments, shall be under the same Incapacity of voting at Elections within the said City of London, as any Person or Persons now is or are, who do not pay their Scot or Lot to the several yearly Rates and Taxes, to which the Citizens of London are at this Time, or shall hereafter become liable.

Freemen not paying the said Assessments, incapacitated from voting at Elections.

And to the Intent that no Monopoly in lighting the said City and Liberties thereof be for the time to come attempted, whereby the Expence thereof will be greatly enhanced, and the Work not sufficiently performed, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Alderman, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Deputy, and the Majority of his Common Councilmen, shall and may, and he is hereby required, authorized, and impowered to contract and agree for the Number of Lamps necessary to be erected and set up in and for his Ward, and the Charge thereof, on Posts or Irons, as he shall think best to order, and shall be most effectual for the Purposes hereby intended; and also that each such Alderman, with such Advice and Consent, as aforesaid, shall and may contract with any Person or Persons for the lighting, trimming, snuffing, cleansing, supplying, maintaining, and repairing such Number of Lamps, as shall be necessary for his Ward; provided nevertheless, that such Contract be made for the Space of One whole Year, and no longer at one Time, and shall not exceed such Sum for each Lamp, as shall be directed and ordered by the Mayor, Aldermen,

The Alderman of each Ward, &c. to contract for setting up, and trimming the Lamps for One Year;

but such Contract not to exceed the Sum appointed by the Mayor, &c.

and Commons, in Common Council assembled, in case they shall think fit to settle and direct the same.

No Alderman, &c. to be interested in such Contracts.

Provided always, and it is further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Alderman, Deputy, or Common Councilman, during his Continuance in such Office, or any Person or Persons in Trust for him, them, or any of them, shall be concerned or interested in any Contract, or otherwise, for lighting the said City, or any Part thereof, or for providing and fixing any of the said Lamps, Posts, or Irons, or other Materials necessary thereto.

The Chamberlain to pay all Draughts made on him by the Alderman of the Ward, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Chamberlain of the said City of London for the time being shall and may, and he is hereby authorized and required to pay all and singular the Orders or Draughts on him to be made by the Alderman of each Ward, with the Advice of his Deputy, and the Majority of the Common Councilmen of each such Ward respectively, in discharge of such Contract or Contracts they shall or may respectively enter into, as well for providing and erecting, as for lighting, trimming, snuffing, cleansing, supplying, maintaining, and repairing the Lamps within each and singular the Wards of the said City. And also, that he, the said Chamberlain for the time being, shall, and he is hereby required to keep regular and clear Entries, in a Book to be for that Purpose by him provided, of all and singular the Receipts and Payments he shall make on the Account of lighting the said City, as aforesaid, distinguishing each Ward under distinct Heads; to which Book every Citizen of London shall and may have free Access in Office Hours, and shall be permitted to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and also, that the Chamberlain for the time being shall have the said Account audited and passed in the same manner, and by the same Persons, who are now appointed, or shall be appointed to audite the Accounts of the Chamberlain of the said City of London.

and enter them distinctly in a Book,

to be inspected without Fee.

And whereas several evil disposed Persons have broken, and may wilfully and maliciously break and destroy the Lamps hung out in the Streets of this City; now to prevent the like malicious Practices for the future, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and thirty six, wilfully or maliciously break, throw down, or extinguish any Lamp that is or shall be hung out, or set up to light the Streets, or wilfully damage the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof, every Person so offending therein, and being thereof convicted, by the Oath of one or

Penalty on maliciously breaking or extinguishing the Lamps.

or more Witness or Witnesses, before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City of London, shall for the First Offence forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings for each Lamp so broken, thrown down, extinguished, or otherwise damaged, and for the Second Offence, the Sum of Fifty Shillings, and for the Third Offence, the Sum of Three Pounds, to be recovered and levied in such Manner as in this Act is mentioned.

And whereas it is impossible to ascertain the exact Expence, which may accrue to the said City of London, in providing, supplying, and maintaining such Lights as aforesaid, as well from the Alteration in the Price of Oil, and other Materials, as from other unforeseen Accidents and Casualties, which may happen; be it therefore further enacted, That if at the Expiration of Seven Years it shall be found, that any Surplus shall have arisen from the Money collected by virtue of this Act, over and above what shall have been issued and applied in pursuance hereof, for the finding, supplying, and maintaining such Lights, as aforesaid, such surplus Money shall remain in the Chamber of the said City of London, to be applied either in Aid of the Orphans Fund, or in Abatement or Diminution of future Assessments, for the Purposes of this Act, or to be otherwise disposed of to or for the Use and Benefit of the Citizens of London, as they by any Act of Common Council shall direct and appoint.

Surplus Monies after 7 Years how to be disposed of.

And it is hereby further enacted, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall, and they are hereby impowered and required, at a Court of Common Council to be held as soon as conveniently may be after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and thirty six, to order and appoint a Rate and Assessment to be made, pursuant to the Powers hereby granted and given, to commence on the Twenty fifth Day of March preceding, and to continue till the Twenty fifth Day of December following; and that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall yearly, and every Year, between the first Day of January, and the last Day of February, order and direct what Rates and Assessments shall be made on the Inhabitants for the Purposes aforesaid, which Assessment shall be for One whole Year, commencing the Twenty fifth Day of December preceding the said Order.

How and when the Assessments are to be made.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Collector or Collectors shall neglect or refuse to bring in his and their Accounts to the Alderman of the Ward, at the Wardmote held on or near Saint Thomas's Day, he or they shall respectively forfeit the Sum of

5 l. Penalty on Collectors refusing to account at the Wardmote on or near St. Thomas's Day.

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Five Pounds, and in like manner, the same Sum of Five Pounds for every Twenty Days he or they detain the said Account, to be recovered and levied by such Ways and Means, as herein after in this Act is mentioned.

Warrants of Distress how and by whom to be granted.

And to prevent, as much as may be, any Deficiency happening in the collecting the Rates and Assessments aforesaid, be it further enacted, That the Collector or Collectors of all and every the Wards of the said City shall, and he and they are hereby required, in cases of Refusal or Non-payment of the several Rates and Assessments aforesaid, within Thirty Days after the respective Rates and Assessments shall become due, to apply to the Lord Mayor for the time being, or to the Alderman of the respective Wards where such Refusal or Non-payment shall happen, for a Warrant to distrain for the said Rate and Assessment, and shall take care to execute or cause the same to be duly executed.

The Manner of determining and levying pecuniary Penalties.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Mayor for the time being, or any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the City of London, to hear and determine any of the Offences which are made subject to, and punishable by, any pecuniary Penalties directed to be levied by this Act; and such Justices of the Peace are hereby authorized and required, upon any Informations exhibited, or Complaint made in that behalf, within Ten Days after such Offence committed, to summon the Party or Parties accused, and the Witnesses on either Side, and, after Oath of the Commission of any of the Facts above mentioned by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, to issue a Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Party offending in the said City of London, and upon the Appearance or Contempt of the Party accused, in not appearing, upon the Proof of Notice given, to proceed to the Examination of the Witness or Witnesses on Oath (which Oath they are hereby authorized, impowered, and required to administer) to give such Judgment, Sentence, or Determination, as shall be just and conformable to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act. And where the Party accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by View of the said Justices, or any of them; or upon such Information, as aforesaid, or on Confession of the Party accused, it shall and may be lawful for such Justices to issue Warrant or Warrants for the levying the pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures, so adjudged, on the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, and to cause Sale to be made thereof, in case they shall not be redeemed

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in Five Days, rendring to the Party the Overplus, if any there be; and in case any Person or Persons shall be convicted, in pursuance of this Act, of breaking, throwing down, or extinguishing any Lamp to be hung or set up, as aforesaid, and no Goods or Chattels of any Person so offending can at the time of such Conviction be found, then and in such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justice or Justices of the Peace, before whom such Person or Persons shall be convicted, as aforesaid, to commit such Offender to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding the Space of Three Months, or until such pecuniary Penalty or Penalties shall be paid.

Power of mitigating the said Penalties.

Provided nevertheless, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justices of the Peace, from time to time, where they see cause, to mitigate, compound, or lessen any of the said Forfeitures or Penalties, as they in their Discretion shall think fit, so as such Mitigation do not extend to remit above one Moiety of the Penalties inflicted and directed to be levied by this Act; and every such Mitigation shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Persons offending respectively, for so much of the said Penalties and Forfeitures as shall be so lessened, mitigated, or remitted.

Quarter Sessions finally to determine Appeals.

Provided also, That if any Person or Persons shall find him, her, or themselves aggrieved, or remain unsatisfied in the Judgment of the said Justices, then such Person or Persons shall and may, by virtue of this Act, complain or appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next Quarter Sessions to be held for the said City of London, who are hereby impowered to summon and examine Witnesses upon Oath, and finally to hear and determine the same; and, in case of Conviction, to issue Warrant or Warrants for levying and compelling, by such Means as aforesaid, the Payment of the said Penalties and Forfeitures.

Penalties how to be applied.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Penalties to be levied by virtue of this Act, shall be paid and applied in manner following; that is to say, one Moiety thereof to the Person or Persons who shall inform and prosecute for the same, and the other Moiety to the Alderman of the Ward where such Offence shall be committed, to be by him paid over into the Chamber of London, to be accounted for and applied as part of the Fund for providing and maintaining such Lights within the said City, as aforesaid.

Limitation of Actions.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, that in every such Case the Action or Suit shall be brought within Six Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in London, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants, in such Action or Suit to be brought, shall and may plead the General Issue, Not Guilty, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, Suit or Suits; or if, upon Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant and Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have such Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in any other Cases by Law.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

Publick Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same. b

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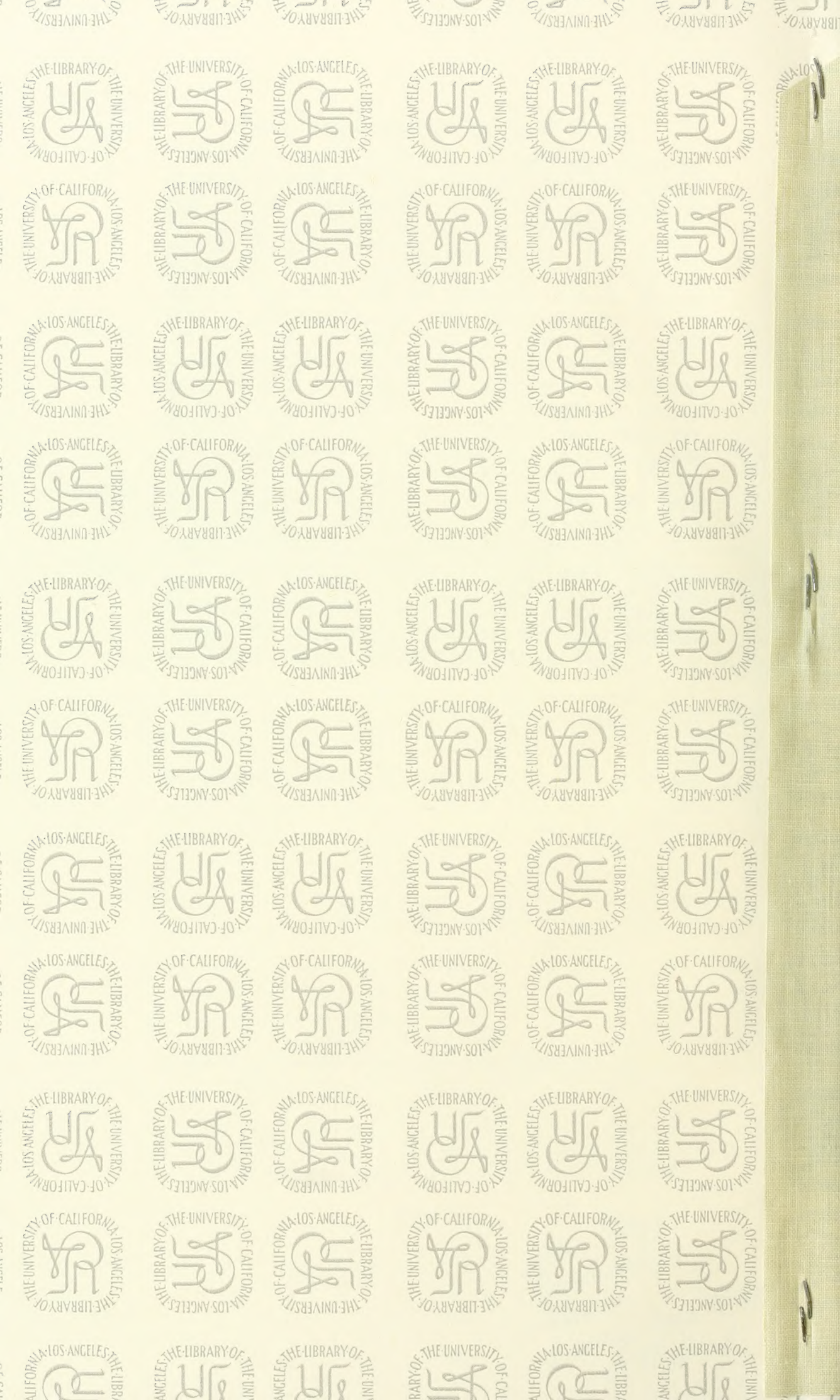
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